

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2308**

March 7, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

President Biden:

I write today urging you to end your war on the American energy sector in light of the international energy crisis created by your Administration and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The shortsighted actions your Administration has taken dating back to your first hours in office has resulted in an exacerbated reliance on Russian energy and minerals. It is long overdue to reverse course and support American energy and stop subsidizing unprovoked Russian aggression.

The United States of America imported an average of 672,000 barrels of oil a day from Russia in 2021, up 24% from 2020, and with no signs of slowing.<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Russia competes with American exports of iron, copper, nickel, uranium, rare earths, and so much more.<sup>2</sup>

Time and again throughout the 13 months you have served as President, your decisions have limited American energy production, appeasing radical activists at the expense of the rest of America. Hours after your inauguration, you singlehandedly halted the Keystone XL pipeline affecting a union workforce of 8,000.<sup>3</sup> In the same pen stroke, you attempted to unlawfully choke federal lands in the West and offshore from responsible oil and gas development, putting Americans out of work and cutting funds to schools and conservation programs.<sup>45</sup> Fortunately, a federal district court judge in Louisiana directed your Administration to follow the law and blocked your illegal attempt, but your clear bias against American energy remains.

And, President Biden, the American people see through your thinly veiled political attempt to save face on critical mineral development. On Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, your Administration made the decision to pull two federal leases for the Twin Metals Minnesota project in my district, endangering the union jobs agreed to in a Project Labor Agreement for construction while denying a region the economic development it needs. This brings your insincerity full-circle from your campaign, when you pledged to use domestic miners.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/hist/LeafHandler.ashx?n=PET&s=MTTIM NUS-NRS 1&f=M>

<sup>2</sup> [https://uk.practicallaw.thomsonreuters.com/w-011-1888?transitionType=Default&contextData=\(sc.Default\)&firstPage=true](https://uk.practicallaw.thomsonreuters.com/w-011-1888?transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)&firstPage=true)

<sup>3</sup> <https://teamster.org/2021/01/teamsters-statement-on-cancellation-of-the-keystone-xl-pipeline/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.wsj.com/articles/biden-defunds-the-states-11611790522>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.energyindepth.org/cancelled-gulf-of-mexico-lease-sale-a-harbinger-of-far-reaching-impacts-of-biden-leasing-ban/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/usa-election-mining/exclusive-biden-campaign-tells-miners-it-supports-domestic-production-of-ev-metals-idUSKBN27808B>

In northern Minnesota, we have 95% of America's nickel, 88% of our cobalt, and more than one-third of our copper, let alone being the national leader in iron mining. Yet not a month after cancelling leases for a major project, you turn around and host a so-called roundtable on critical minerals, ignoring the steps you took to further endanger our supply chains.

Mr. President, it does not have to be this way. America is blessed to have an abundance of natural resources. Instead of importing Russian oil and minerals, lining the pockets of Vladimir Putin, and funding his evil, unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, I urge you to reverse course and choose American energy and American jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Stauber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pete" and last name "Stauber" clearly distinguishable.

Pete Stauber  
Member of Congress